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Dear Bob,

Few things are as gratifying as to hear glowing accounts about one's organization and associates. This is the manner in which Dr. Olof Norlander has described the things he saw and the people he met during his recent visit in Brooklyn. He was deeply appreciative to be included in the Faculty dinner at the Brooklyn Club which you and Ruth gave, and I am very appreciative as well, as it made him feel very cordially welcome indeed.

The year thus far is proving to be a challenge for all of us here. The language is the first obstacle, and a rather stubborn one too. As expected, the youngest in the family has done best in this regard and attends classes and plays with Swedish friends as though he has already forgotten they are not talking his own language. I regret to say I seem to be at the other end of the scale. Some days are most discouraging when everything is unintelligible, but others more and more frequently compensate. The understanding of Swedish appears to be essential to finding out what makes this institution do so well. People like Drs. Crafoord and Senning will talk English when pressed to do so, but whenever a problem of serious nature arises, especially if it is urgent, they revert to their own language, in which they can be certain of the meanings intended. Conferences start rather religiously in English, but invariably revert. I can now follow them most of the time.

Have spent most of my time in the experimental laboratory, where I have a full-time assistant and an associate also from The Medical College of Georgia. We have made most encouraging progress in trying to learn about some of the physiology involved in partial support of the circulation in heart failure. I do not know whether it will amount to anything or not, but in the meantime I am learning so much and enjoying it so much that I feel almost guilty about it.

All reports about progress in Brooklyn have been indirect, but they have been rather consistently very favorable. All sources indicate so far that Karl is doing a fine job as Acting Chairman. I hope he is able to bear up under the load. I suspect he is just the one to have everything so well organized that I shall find it uncomplicated upon my return.

I have done no teaching or talking here, but have had some opportunity to see some of the students. In general, it seems to me, we have a considerably higher caliber of student in Brooklyn than they have here, much as we may complain about some of them. I am going to Lund presently to visit a few days and look forward to a chance to see what students look like there too.

Eleanor joins me in sending our very best to you and Ruth. Would you please remember me to the Faculty Council?

Sincerely,

Clarence Dennis